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EX(3)PATENT
Attorney Docket No. P04334US0

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICANT: Allard et al.
SERIAL NO: 09/446,711
FILED: December 22, 1999
TITLE: METHOD FOR IMPROVING THE FREEZING TOLERANCE OF PLANTS

Grp./A.U.: 1638
Examiner: Collins, C.
Conf. No.: 2785
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PETITION AND FEE FOR EXTENSION OF TIME
UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

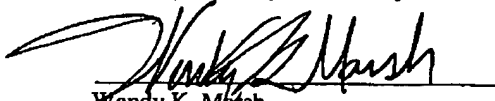
This is a request under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a response in the above identified application for 3 months from November 13, 2002 to February 13, 2003.

Applicant is a small entity under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27. A small entity statement under 37 CFR 1.27 has already been filed in this application.

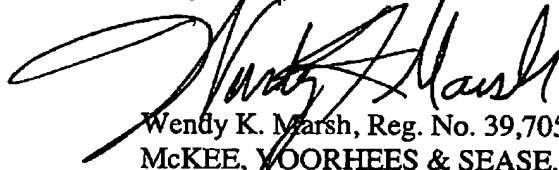
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